

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A digital camera for displaying on a monitor a real-time motion image of a subject taken by an image sensor, comprising:

an instruction key for instructing to record a still image of the subject;

5           a recorder for recording the still image to a recording medium when said instruction key is operated;

              a determiner for determining a state of said instruction key after operating said instruction key; and

10           a still image display for displaying on said monitor the still image depending upon a result of determination by said determiner.

2. A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein said determiner repeatedly determines a state of said instruction key at predetermined timing, and said still image display maintaining to display the still image for a time that said instruction key is in an operation state.

15           3. A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising a single-color image display to display on said monitor a single-colored image for a predetermined time after said instruction key has been operated, wherein said determiner determines a state of said instruction key after lapse of the predetermined time.

20           4. A digital camera according to claim 3, wherein the predetermined time corresponds to a time required for a process of recording the still image by said recorder.